

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2010

Served by the Missionary Oblates of
Mary Immaculate

222 West Redoubt Avenue Soldotna, AK

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Office Hour 9am-3pm Tuesday-Fridays

Closed on Mondays

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

*We, the faith community,
accept the call of God to
participate in the mission of
Jesus Christ by
Proclaiming the Gospel and
living the reign of God
among us as disciples.*

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SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

YOUTH MASS/ACTIVITY: 3rd Sunday each month at 4:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Tuesday through Friday, 12:05pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 12:45pm — Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 12:30pm — Fridays 12:00 noon

Sacrament of Anointing of Sick or Communion: Available during the Sunday Masses, or as needed. Because of HIPAA laws, parishioners need to notify us if going to the hospital. Remember to request Anointing of the Sick before surgery — please call the parish @ 262-4749.

Sacrament of Baptism: for children – Parents Prep. class required. Call Marlys for reservations. Best done prior to birth. There is a Baptism class on November 3rd at 7:00pm in O'Neill Hall.
for adults – Contact the office about RCIA
for children 8 and older; RCIC classes — please call Office

Sacrament of Marriage: 6 month process (several classes and FOCUS Test and/or Engaged Encounter, or Couple to Couple...contact a priest.

Funerals: contact parish office immediately after the death.

Prayer Chain: pjham@alaska.net, Pat Hamilton 262-5250

Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Marlys Verba

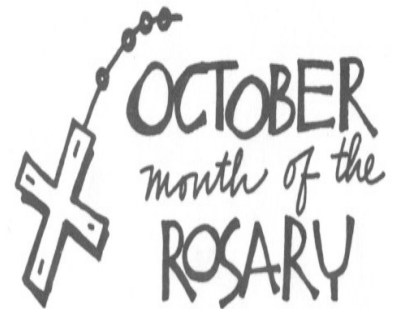
Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin via email must be in by Thursdays at noon to Marlys: marlys.verba@gmail.com and, you may send a copy to: knowledgeisstrength@hotmail.com. Thanks!

Calendar for November 1, 2010 - November 7, 2010, with Daily Readings

November 1, <u>Monday:</u> Morning Prayer, 7:30am Centering Prayer 8:15am Solemnity of All Saints	November 2, <u>Tuesday:</u> Morning Prayer, 7:30am Noon Mass Legion of Mary 12:45pm Mass 7:00pm All Souls Day	November 3, <u>Wednesday:</u> Morning Prayer, 7:30am Noon Mass RCIA Class 6:30pm Baptism Class 7:00pm	November 4, <u>Thursday:</u> Morning Prayer, 7:30am Noon Mass	November 5, <u>Friday:</u> Morning Prayer, 7:30am Noon Mass	November 6, <u>Saturday:</u> RCIC Meeting 2:00pm 5:00pm Mass Reconciliation	November 7, <u>Sunday:</u> Change your Clocks to fall back 2:00am 10am Mass Bible Study 11:15am
Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14 Ps 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12a	Wis 3: 1-9 Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 5: 5-11 or Rom 6: 3-9 Jn 6: 37-40	Phil 2: 12-18 Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14 Lk 14: 25-33	Phil 3: 3-8a Ps 105: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 15: 1-10	Phil 3: 17-4:1 Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Lk 16: 1-8	Phil 4: 10-19 Ps 112: 1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9 Lk 16: 9-15	2 Mc 7: 1-2, 9-14 Ps 17: 1, 5-6, 8, 15 2 Thes 2:16-3:5 Lk 20: 27-38 or Lk 20:27, 34-38

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The encounter between Jesus and the wealthy Zacchaeus offers a number of stewardship themes for this week's reflection: heeding the call of Jesus, conversion, repentance, generosity, acting out of justice. One stewardship theme from this Gospel reading that is not often commented upon is the steward's task of receiving Christ with a joyful heart. How often do we "receive him with joy?" Do we know him well enough to receive in joy? Do we experience his love? Do we accept him as our savior, or are we looking for something or someone else? It seems that only when we have some personal knowledge of Jesus, open our hearts to him and accept him as Christ, our savior, can we truly receive him with joyful hearts.



Saturday, November 6, 2010, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Johnson, Bill Sadler, Krys Williams, Sue Dukowitz, Rick Dukowitz, Cheryl & Steve Hammarstram,

Lectors: 1st Reading: Mary Bailey; 2nd Reading: Monty Murray

Altar Server: John Mark Pothast

Sunday, November 7, 2010, 10:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Remy Spring, Jane Fellman, Jim Fellman, Laurie Stropes, Dave Stropes

Lectors: 1st Reading: Barb O'Lena; 2nd Reading: Shannon Dwyer

Altar Server: Rachel Shassetz

Mop & Bucket 11/1-11/6: Maryanne Rogers Family

Collection Counters: 11/7: Kathryn Dunagan & Cathy Haas

TEENS THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Sunday, November 19, 2010 between 4pm - 8pm
Join us for mass, dinner, basket building for the hungry and
Capture the Flag in the dark!
If your last name begins with...

A - G bring a salad
H - N bring a side dish
M - S bring drinks
T - Z bring a dessert

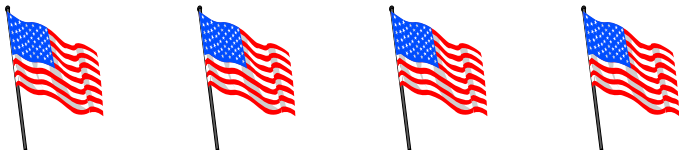
Beside food, wear warm clothing and bring a flash light or head lamp and a friend. We will be outside for this activity. Permission slips must be turned in by Sunday, November 12. If you have not already turned in a Medical Release Form for this year please turn that in also. Friends must also fill out both forms. If you have question please contact Brenda Ahlberg 262-5432, Rose Henry 252-9465 or Tonilyn Spring 262-8478.

Food Drive, GOF, Operation ChristmasChild

Please help the teens collect food for Thanksgiving food baskets. Bring Thanksgiving food items to the church on the weekend of November 12-13th. (i.e. canned vegetables, mushroom soup, potatoes, stuffing, evapo-rated milk, canned pumpkin, yams, cranberry sauce, jello, sparkling cider, juice, olives). Thank you in advance, for your generosity. For questions call Ruthann Truesdell at 252-7337.

It is time for Operation Christmas Child again. Shoe boxes and brochures will be available at the back of the church starting October 30th. They will be collected and delivered to Samaritan Air on Sunday, November 21st after 10 am Mass. For questions call Ruthann Truesdell at 252-7337.

This year Operation Christmas Child is planning to distribute a record number of shoe box gifts to hurting children in Haiti as well as millions of boys and girls in over 100 countries around the world. As part of our ongoing disaster relief response in Haiti, the boxes will serve as encouragement to young survivors of the January earthquake. And globally, there are countless children living in equally traumatic and impoverished circumstances who need to know there is a God who loves them. What would Jesus do? What can you do? The collection date for the boxes is Sunday, November 21st. Thank you in advance for your generosity and prayers. For questions call Ruthann Truesdell.



TEEN FOOD DRIVE

WE NEED YOUR HELP! It is time for our yearly service project of filling baskets for the hungry. Fliers need to be passed out and food needs to be picked up.

Friday, November 5: teens and adult volunteers will pass out fliers for the food drive after school. Please check your meeting place and meet promptly after school. Soldotna Middle meet at the entrance by the office at 2:30 pm and look for a parent volunteer for instructions. SOHI meet at the entrance by the office at 2:30 pm and look for a parent volunteer for instructions. Anyone else meet at O'Neill Hall at 3pm. From your meet spots you will be given maps and fliers to place on neighbor-hood doors. Parents please pick up your teens at 4pm from their original meeting places.

Saturday, November 13: teens meet at O'Neill Hall at 1pm. We will have drivers to take teens to pick up the food donations. Parents please pick up your teens at 3:30pm at O'Neill Hall.

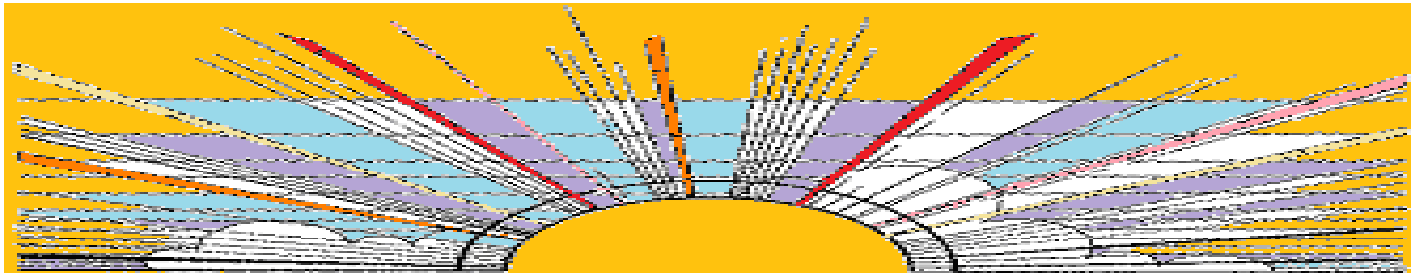
If you have questions, call Ruthann Truesdell - 252-7337, Tonilyn Spring 262-8478, Rose Henry 252-9465 or Brenda Alhberg 262-5432.

Our Christmas Military Care Packages Ministry

collection begins this weekend and will continue through November 28 with mailing of all packages by November 30. Please add names and addresses of men and women serving in the military in Iraq, Kuwait or Afghanistan on the lists provided on either the bulletin board or the military table in the church foyer. *Include the name and phone number of the person submitting the name for contact purposes.*

Please bring in any of these items to include in the care packages: cards; letters from home; Alaska magazines or other current magazines; socks; razors; razor blades; shaving cream; small pkgs. wipes; small pkgs. food-canned salmon, trail mix, beef jerky, nuts; AA batteries; new paperback books; hard candies; holy cards; prayer cards; rosaries or religious pamphlets. Monetary donations are welcome—we can do your shopping for you or apply to postage.

Thank you very much for your contributions to this ministry. Last year we mailed 32 boxes to Iraq and Afghanistan that were shared with numerous platoons and warmly received by all. It makes a big difference in the moral of our troops serving overseas to know we are thinking of them and praying for them back home. For more information please call Karen Evans 260-3637 or 776-6413 or Marlys 262-4749.



Encountering Jesus does not depend upon goodness of life, but encountering Him can bring about conversion of life; Zacchaeus undergoes dramatic change (he sets his affairs right and gives to the poor.) His newfound concern for others is a sign of encounter with Jesus who brings salvation. Our own encounters with Jesus can bring about just as dramatic a change in our lives. We need only be willing to go to ever greater heights to "see Him." A change in me that encountering Jesus needs to bring about is...

REVENUE	
Weekly Collections	\$ 71,814.48
Other Donations/Gifts	465.33
Interest/Investment Income	213.98
Special Remodel Donations	0
Miscellaneous Income	<u>575.00</u>
Fiscal YTD Revenue	\$ 73,068.79
EXPENSES	
Personnel Expenses	\$ 18,687.58
Supply Expenses	5,180.25
Facility/Plant Expenses	21,526.97
Stewardship to Diocese	6,940.88
All Other Expenses	<u>8,699.37</u>
Fiscal YTD Expenses	\$ 61,035.05
NET CASH FLOW	\$ 12,033.74

Parish Financial Summary/Cash Flow Report for
July 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010 (unrestricted funds)

Monday is all Saints Day; since it falls on Monday, it is therefore not observed as a holy day of obligation this year. This is according to the liturgical calendar issued by the committee on divine worship, USCCB. Tuesday is All Souls Day; two masses are offered that day, noon and 7:00pm.

Also, the Hall key is missing, please return it immediately!

Centering prayer has begun meeting in the community room on Mondays from 8:15am-9:00am. Please feel welcome to come and experience this form of prayer.

Archbishop Hurley was released from Seton Medical Center in Daly City, CA. He was transferred to a care center in Oakland, CA. It is anticipated that he will have 4-6 weeks of convalescence either there or at another assisted living facility in the area. It is requested that cards and messages for him continue to be sent to the Pastoral Center, 225 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501-2409. His Secretary, Joann White, will forward him. Archbishop Hurley is most grateful for the prayers and concern and asks that you continue to pray for him. Thank you.

Sunday's Gospel is focused on a short tax collector and his encounter with Jesus. Zacchaeus must have often felt like the underdog. He was so short that he had to climb a tree just to see Jesus. His occupation made him an object of scorn and hatred for many Jews, who associated him with the Roman Empire for which he collected the tax. In addition, many tax collectors at the time were cheating the people by charging more tax than was required and keeping the difference for themselves. We don't know whether or not Zacchaeus was a cheat. What we do know is that his encounter with Jesus changed his life. Zacchaeus promised to not just be fair or just, but to be charitable with anyone whom he had mistreated. Your challenge this week is to examine your own life to see if you have been unjust to someone else - in your family, your school, workplace, your neighborhood, or larger community. What can you do to right that wrong? How can your own encounters with Jesus give you the courage and compassion you need to treat others more justly and more lovingly?